

Paul Nielson was making telephone calls to confirm our appointment with Dr. Josi, Chancellor of Berne, at 4:30 p.m., today. We appreciated Paul and his attention to every detail to make every experience in Switzerland very special for us. The Swiss Radio will be at the State House for an interview. There was a newspaper article in Wednesday's paper about the Americans watching the cows come down from the mountains.

As the bus traveled to downtown Berne, we stopped at a place where the Postgassin Mission Headquarters was located at the time our Great Grandfather served a mission, 1884-1886. We thought of the courage and sacrifice it was for him to leave his loved ones and home to face the hardships and persecution he had to endure, and the great love and devotion, and his testimony of the Gospel and what his example and teachings have meant in our lives, and what it will mean in the lives of his posterity for generations to come. It was another great spiritual experience for us and we lingered at this place, even though the Mission Headquarters had been moved to another place and this location now appeared to be apartment dwellings.

As we traveled to the heart of the famous City of Berne, we saw the Hotel "Achwitterhall" where the General Authorities of the Church stay when they come to Switzerland.

The population of Berne is three-hundred and fifty thousand people. Every nation has a Diplomatic Core here. This medieval city with its facades of sandstone is lying on the loop of the Aare River. It is surrounded by the Bernese Mountains. It is the Capitol of the Confederation, founded in 1191. It was decided to name the city after the first animal caught in this area. This was a bear. The bear was incorporated in the City's Coat of Arms.

Andreas Klossner parked the bus near the Cathedral so we could see the spires from any point in the city and find our way back. We had two hours to see the city and have lunch. We walked down the arcaded streets of this picturesque city enjoying the